

## Carol Festival December 13 Entertained Good Crowd

A capacity house enjoyed the Carol Festival arranged by the teachers and pupils of the Irma School on the evening of Thursday, December 13.

The program was varied and showed to advantage the fine opportunity for musical development open to the Irma pupils. Much credit is due Mrs. A. D. Glasgow, Mrs. Darke and Miss Touchette for what we might term devotion, over and above the call of duty in regard to musical education. And we must not forget the wholehearted co-operation of the other members of the teaching staff.

One of the most satisfactory points in regard to an entertainment of this nature, is, that every pupil of such a large school as ours is able to take part at some time or another during the evening.

The parents, too, were asked to sing carols with the children joining in on the closing verses.

Although only the adults were asked to pay the 25c admission, the fine sum of \$40.00 was realized for the purpose of buying chairs for the auditorium.

It is felt that this carol festival should be an annual event. Not only because of the pleasure to those who listen but also for the motive it gives the children to work toward in their years' music study.

The following is the program as presented December 13:

Group Singing—Adeste Fideles.  
Grade 1—Rhythm Band.  
Santa Claus Song.

Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5—Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer.  
Here Comes Santa Claus.

Grade 2—The First Christmas Night.

Grade 3—O Come, Little Children.

Grade 4—Santa Claus Comes.

Grade 5—Little Pine Tree.

Group Singing.

Grades 6 and 7—O, Saviour Sweet, Unison. Mary's Lullaby. 2 part singing.

Grades 8 and 9—What is that Light? Christmas Bells, melody in the bass in the chorus.

Group Singing.

Grades 10 and 11—Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Unison, girls. Carol of the Shepherds, trio, girls. Bringing in the Boar's Head. Silent Night, three part harmony, soprano, alto, bass.

Grade 12—Deck the Halls.

Group Singing—Silent Night.

We would like to note here that Grade 12 studies had taken no musical training for the past year but what they had learned before stood them in good stead so they were able to volunteer and produce two very fine numbers by themselves.

## Easterly Echoes

Mrs. L. Watson of Edmonton is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. Patterson. She plans to stay for the Christmas holidays.

Don't forget the W.I. meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Savard on January 8 at 2:30. Program, Mrs. W. Sanders. Hostesses, Mrs. A. Bacon and Mrs. J. Savard.

Congratulations to the winners from the district in the Farmers' Bouspiel. In the Merchants event the rink of W. L. Lawson won first and that of A. Enger second.

Mr. Carl Engler who has been employed at the Military Camp underwent surgery at the Wainwright Hospital on Wednesday.

"In the Spirit of Christmas Let me wish to yours and you, All joy and happiness This season ever known— And in the name of the Holy Child Who came on Christmas Day, Let me wish that God's dear love Will bless you—Day by Day!"

"The Echo Song"

## Curiosity, Hope Greet New Year Hand in Hand

Curiosity and superstition always have greeted the New Year hand in hand with mankind's bright hope for the future.

In olden times, families sought a glimpse into the year just beginning by observing the "dipping" custom. With his eyes closed, the head of the house opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted by the family, was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the "first-footer," the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-foots" as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was given the first-footer job and, going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst open its door upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

And we moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

## No Slumber Songs Needed by Scots On New Year's Eve

Nobody goes to bed in Scotland on December 31. There are too many other things to do.

It is a great night for the youths who, reminiscent of ancient superstitions, go about switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning the gods of fertility for a "good howling crop."

Before the advent of modern plumbing, teen-agers made quite a fuss about the "cream of the year" which was the first draught drawn

from the nearest spring immediately after midnight and supposedly entitled the drinker to anticipate a "lucky" year.

The Wassail Bowl is, of course, the center of adult festivities. Its origin is lost in antiquity, but tradition has endowed the Wassail Bowl with legendary romance. It is an ornamental in design and decorated with branches of greenery. The mixture of ale, warm and sweet, and wine is sometimes added to the ale and sugar and spices.

After having enjoyed the concoction within the home among intimates at the stroke of midnight, the Scots pile into wagons or sleighs, with kettles full of the Wassail, mums, cheese and other food and set out to tour the community. The party stops at various houses and the refreshments go round at each stop. Nobody pays the least attention to the approaching dawn, because nobody goes to bed on New Year's Eve anyway.

## New Year in Bulgaria

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting and, wishing neighbors a happy New Year, expect treats and refreshments. But unlike our "trick or treat" of Halloween, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.

The next meeting of the Senior W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. McFarland on January 10 at 3 p.m. Devotionals, Mrs. Reads, Topic, Mrs. Enger. Hostesses, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Rohrer. The new study book "From Lakes to Northern Lights" will be begun at this meeting. This promises to be a most interesting study. Visitors are most welcome.

## Wainwright P.S. Will Be Enlarged By One Room

Hissett—that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted. Cd.

Mr. Ink in Irma met with the Board to discuss probable changes in the Alma Mater bus route. Mr. Lawson to take charge of same.

Delegation from the Strawberry Plains SD to discuss with the Board the possible purchase of the school building for Community purposes.

Folkies—that Mr. Jons Fabian's request for a Victor Projector machine for the Chauvin School be favorably received and that the secretary make the necessary inquiries regarding prices and the purchase of same. Cd.

Hill—that the Supt's report be adopted. Cd.

McLeod—that we approve the opening of another room in the Wainwright Public School No. 1658 with Mrs. McEwen engaged as temporary teacher. Cd.

Folkies—that premium rates on Fire Insurance be called for from local agents throughout the Div. and that same be advertised through the local press; further that information re same be secured from the Divisional Office. Cd.

Hissett—that we order one Selkirk Chimney from the Selkirk Metals of Winnipeg for the Sligo teachers. Cd.

Hill—that accounts be paid for the month of November in the amount of \$42,947.12 and that same be included in the minutes of this meeting. Cd.

Hissett—that the account of Mr. G. E. Davis be adjusted according to the contract and that Mr. Davis be instructed to follow the stipulated route outlined in the contract until such time that the winter route becomes effective. Cd.

Zajic—that in view of the lateness of the season and the difficulty in moving another school at this time of year that temporary accommodation be provided for the pupils of the Empire SD No. 2414 in the form of a new building 12' by 18' and that this building be started immediately and completely as soon as possible. Cd.

Hissett—that we adjourn. Cd.

Next meeting January 4, 9:30 a.m.

## CHAUVIN IS HIT BY SERIOUS FIRE

A hardware, two general stores and a pool room were believed destroyed in an early morning blaze Tuesday at Chauvin, about 180 miles southeast of Edmonton. No estimate of the fire damage has been given, but it is believed it could amount to about \$100,000.

All telephone communication with the town has been disrupted as the telephone lines running in front of the half block of stores and buildings have been destroyed.

Information received from Wainwright, about 25 miles northwest of Chauvin, lists the Imperial hardware store, the Wahlberg Red and White store and the J. W. Barrels general store as being burned. Also burned was the Fuchs pool room.

An emergency alarm was sent to Wainwright and Edgerton for help at 4 a.m. when it appeared much of the town would be levelled as the fire raged out of control.

At 9 a.m. the fire was brought under control after raging for about six hours.

## The Longest Year

The year we now refer to as B.C. was the longest year in calendar history. It contained 445 days, and for a very good reason.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B.C. This calendar was revised several times but by Julius Caesar's time, it was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar's experts devised the Julian calendar, which went along without revision until the 16th century, there was the problem of catching up with the sun before the new calendar could take over. So, two months were inserted between the months of November and December. Thus, 445 B.C. contained 445 days.

## Wedding Bells

GULBRAA — HILL

Saturday, December 1 at Sharon Lutheran Church, was the scene of a pretty wedding when Miss Muriel Ralphina Hill, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hill became the bride of Mr. Knute Gulbraa, second son of Mr. John Gulbraa and the late Mrs. Gulbraa.

The double ring ceremony was witnessed by Rev. Henning Olsen of Chauvin. Gold and bronze mums decorated the church for the occasion.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of traditional white satin with net yoke and lily point sleeves. Her floor length veil was held in place by clusters of white baby mums. Her only ornament was a strand of pearls, a gift of the groom, and she carried a bouquet of tallman roses and white baby mums.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Miss Aletha and Marilyn Hill, who wore taffeta gowns of yellow and rose respectively, with matching chapel veils held in place by clusters of mums. Multi-colored blossoms comprised their colonial bouquets.

The groom was attended by his brother Mr. Berge Gulbraa and his cousin Mr. Carl Gulbraa.

Guests were ushered by Mr. Theodore Hill and Mr. Donald McKay.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Marvin Beltan, and Mr. Tom Foulkes, brother-in-law of the bride sang "Because," during the signing of the register.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Hill chose a grey frock with matching lace trim, and a wine hat. Her corsage was of red roses.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where 65 guests sat down to a wedding supper. The bride's table was laid with white linen and centered with a three-tiered wedding cake flanked by white tapers.

The master of ceremonies was Alex Smallwood, while musical numbers were rendered by Mr. Gordon Hollinger and Mr. Tom Foulkes.

Mrs. Tom Foulkes, Mrs. R. Dempsey, Mrs. Carl Gulbraa, Mrs. J. Hearn, Miss Dorlene Wilson and Miss Maureen Dempsey assisted in serving.

Leaving for a short honeymoon the bride donned a wine dressmaker suit topped by a black Persian lamb shawl. Her hat was winter white and her corsage was of tallman roses.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Fred Burlew of Kaleda, Man, and Mrs. Enoch Cornelius and family of Veteran, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scatter, Dapp, Alta., Mrs. P. J. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Foulkes and boys, Mr. Al Dyck, Mrs. Jack Wilson and Dorcen, and Miss Nell Johnson, all of Edmonton and Miss Sue Johnson of Manville.

The newlyweds will make their home in the Irma district on their return.

## Battle River W.I. Half Yearly Program

January—Mrs. J. Savard. Hostesses, Mrs. J. Savard, Mrs. A. Bacon.

February—Mrs. W. Sanders. Mrs. C. Steele, Mrs. W. Sanders.

March—Mrs. H. Morse. Mrs. R. Dempsey, Mrs. H. Morse.

April—Mrs. M. Enger. Mrs. A. Cook, Mrs. M. Enger.

May—Mrs. E. Fenton. Mrs. W. Dootson, Mrs. E. Fenton.

June—Mrs. W. Patterson. Mrs. G. Elliott, Mrs. W. Patterson.

Program

January—Mrs. W. Sanders.

February—Mrs. R. King.

March—Mrs. R. Dempsey.

April—Mrs. C. Steele.

May—Mrs. M. Enger.

June—Exchange.

Draw

Mrs. C. Steele.

Mrs. E. Fenton.

Mrs. A. Bacon.

Mrs. J. Savard.

Mrs. W. Patterson.

Mrs. W. Dootson.

Roll Call

January—Lunch Box hint.

February—White Elephant.

March—Box Exchange.

April—Household Hint.

May—Flower Ship Exchange.

June—Picnic Hint.

## Farmers Ignore Weather During Bouspiel

First the weatherman turned on the heat, then he switched to extreme cold but the annual Farmers' Bouspiel went on its merry way. A farmer is the last person to be discouraged by weather conditions—curlers are of the same stamp, so when you have a curling farmer you have a doubly hardy individual be it farmer, farmer's wife or farmer's daughter as the results of the spiel run off last week will go to prove.

Twenty rinks entered into this closely contested event. Some of these were quite family affairs, such as the famous Fischer quartette and the Enger rink which contained three Engers among its personnel. The following is a list of prize winners and prizes.

## Grand Challenge

1st. E. Blanchard, J. Barsa, L. Barsa, E. Meyer. Prize, Stetson hats donated by J. C. McFarland and Co.

2nd. I. Hardy, J. McKay, Ted Thurston, J. Dunbar. Prize, Prestone Antifreeze donated by Central Garage.

3rd. W. Riley, J. C. Savard, H. Larson and W. Sanders. Prize, teapots donated by W. N. Fickelton.

4th. A. Cook, F. Younker, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. J. Savard. Prize, Flower Pots donated by V. Hutchinson and Co.

## Merchants Event

1st. W. Lawson, C. Smallwood, C. Younker, J. Savard. Prize, Swifts Premium Bacon donated by Irma Food Market.

2nd. A. Enger, M. Enger, Mrs. M. Enger, G. Tomlinson.

3rd. C. Archibald, C. Pyle, F. Kwikie, S. Archibald. Prize, Lighters from Irma Pool Hall.

4th. E. Jones, G. Coulman, A. Taylor, S. Knowles.

5th. Gloves from S. Hlynika.

## Last Chance

1st. G. Fischer, Mrs. Fischer, K. Fischer, D. Fischer. Prize, Pork Shoulder from Irma Co-op.

2nd. D. McRoberts, C. Lukens, T. Larson, R. Lukens. Prize, B.A. Grease from C. Anquist. (Only 2 prizes in this event.)

G.T.P. Shipping Association.

12-19 Carl Anquist.

## Kinsella News

Mrs. Wemp entertained at a party in honor of her daughter Eleanor. The hostesses in charge were Miss Dorothy Hjesvold and Miss Audrey Barker.

Mrs. J. F. Murray, Mrs. C. Lancaster, Jack, Pamela and Billy were visitors to the city during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Revill left on an extended holiday to Calgary and the coast.

Miss Betty Olsenberg spent the week-end at the home of her school chum, Miss Joy McBride.

Mrs. Murray Walker and son are visiting at the home of Mr. Walker's father, Mr. Clayton Barker.

A special Christmas service will be held in the Kinsella United Church on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The pupils of the Sunday school will provide special music at the Christmas service.

A free picture show will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, afternoon, sponsored by the members of the Kinsella Legion. The use of the hall donated by the Community League. There will also be a free show in the evening for adults at 8 p.m. A dance will be held immediately after the show. Usual prices.

## At the Churches

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES

Service of Holy Communion and Christmas Carols will be held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Dec. 30 at 2:30 p.m. The choir of St. Thomas Church, Wainwright, will be in attendance and will assist with the service. Rev. E. Walters will be in charge. Anyone who cares to are cordially invited to worship with us.

### UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 23  
Paschendale 11 a.m.  
Roseberry 3 p.m.  
Irma Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Worship service 7:30 p.m.  
Come and worship at these Christmas services. Come as family groups to a family service.  
H. W. Inglis, Minister.

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### Kiefer's SHOWS

at IRMA

Friday, December 21 8:40 p.m.

"CHALLENGE TO LASSIE"

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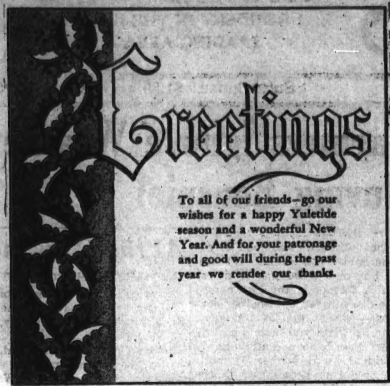
Friday, December 23

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Family Picture





To all of our friends—go our wishes for a happy Yuletide season and a wonderful New Year. And for your patronage and good will during the past year we render our thanks.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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### Lucia Day Starts Christmas Season In Swedish Custom

Celebration of Lucia day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304, A. D., and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "handmaidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

In addition to beauty, other qualifications for "Lucias" or "light queens" are fair hair, a nice disposition and high character.

Dressed in long white robes, wearing crowns of lighted candles (the traditional costume for "Lucias") the girls present gifts and the traditional Lucy day coffee and rolls to hospital patients, etc. The queen and her maidens, enthroned in a star spangled horse-drawn chariot, lead festive processions around the village squares and through city streets.

Parade participants depict alternate scenes from Sweden's picturesque Lapland and the Wild West of the United States, while musicians in multi-colored costumes alternate playing northern folk tunes and American jazz.

Trimming the Christmas tree with fluffy snow is easy if you use soap flakes. It won't melt either.

Here's how it's done: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat with electric beater or hand beater until smooth and fluffy. Then spread immediately over branches of tree scattering it on with hands.

For sparkle, spread on some artificial glistening snow.

### Currier and Ives Cards

Commercial production of Christmas cards in the United States began about 1835 with the founding and developing of the partnership of Currier and Ives in New York.

For more than a century American painters have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes on order or by selling reproduction rights to the art which is now conservatively estimated as worth \$10,000,000 annually.

The favorite Nativity theme is represented by hundreds of interpretations. Winter scenes are next in popularity, some of them dating back to the Puritans of New England, the German forests whence St. Nicholas emerged, and even to the Druids of pre-Christian England.

### World of Wheat

—ALL FLESH IS GRASS—

The good book tells us "All flesh is grass and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field."

If we consider the food of man we realize how true this is. More people in the world consume wheat and its products than any other single food, but wheat, like many other field crops, is a grass plant. It is in fact one of the innumerable manifestations of the great family grass: a family that has such a vast number of kinds and varieties that it is quite beyond description. When, therefore, we eat flour and bread we are in fact eating grass, processed by the mysterious chemistry of nature into the wheat kernel, further processed by man into flour and bread. When we eat meat we are also eating grass; for animals, whether they feed on pastures or on grain, themselves transform grass into meat. But we depend on grass for more than this. Our clothing to a great extent also is grass, for when we dress in wool we are actually clothed in grass, transformed by mother nature from grass eaten by sheep into wool on the animal's back. And so we realize the great truth expressed in the Bible that "All flesh is grass," and we might add, as in most of our clothing too.



# Greetings

For Christmas and the New Year, may you enjoy a continuous round of good cheer, happiness, good health and prosperity.

## Club Cafe, J. Pond, Prop.

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May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you...

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- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

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And may the New Year bring to you a full measure of prosperity and happiness.

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*Season's Greetings*

May your enjoyment of the Holidays be young in spirit and gay in heart. And may you have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

## Irma Food Market



*Season's best wishes*

May this Christmas and New Year bring every happiness to all of our many friends...

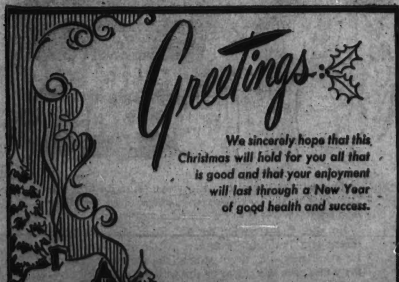
## Irma Machine Works



*Merry Christmas*

• Our wish is simple...but sincere  
• May you enjoy a Merry Christmas  
• And a Happy New Year.

## Post Office Staff



*Greetings*

We sincerely hope that this Christmas will hold for you all that is good and that your enjoyment will last through a New Year of good health and success.

## A. C. Charter

## Viking Items


The Viking hockey team will be playing in the Kilam hockey tournament on New Year's Day. Canada's only Refrigerator bonspiel sponsored by the Viking Curling Association gets underway Monday, January 14 to January 18, 1952, a short three weeks hence.

**Tommy Spilled the Beans**

"Say, grandpa, make a noise like a frog."

"What for, Tommy?"


"Why, dad says when you croak we'll get \$5,000."



*Greetings*

It is said that good things come in threes, then accept our wishes for Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer for Christmas and the coming New Year.

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In this fortunate land of Canada it is difficult to realize that, on vast areas of the globe, hunger and want are still man's daily companions. Why is it that this country of ours is so favoured in the eternal struggle for food? Is it because we have larger areas of more fertile soil? No, the answer lies mainly in our ability to make use of the results of agricultural research. The western farmer has been able to combine the fruits of science with his own sweat and skill to perform food production miracles.

At this Christmastime, despite the bitter disappointments so many experienced in harvesting this year's record grain crops, western farmers can and should rejoice in the fact that they are among the most fortunate of all people on the face of the Earth. In agricultural production alone they have revealed to the world what can be achieved when the hearts, minds, and hands of men are free. Their accomplishments have brought us a better way of life, a life more abundant for every family, for city people no less than for farmers. Furthermore, the farmers of the Prairie Provinces are not only helping to maintain the strength of the Western World in these uneasy days; but they offer a hope and a model for farmers all over the world.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Companies, our sponsors, we extend to all our readers, the "Season's Greetings," and the best of good wishes for "The Coming Year."



## Germination of Seed Grain

Bad weather conditions have affected the germination of grain in many areas. All farmers, therefore, should secure, or make for themselves, a germination test on the grain they intend to sow for seed.

See the nearest Searle Agent for a booklet which tells how to make germination tests at home.

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## UNITED CHURCH Christmas Message

Christmas 1951 can be the Happiest you have ever known, if you make it a time of Dedication to Jesus Christ.

Christmas for most of us brings the Happiness of renewed friendship and the gathering together of friends and relatives in our homes. It also brings us pleasure through giving and receiving of gifts, but happier still are those who give themselves in service to Jesus Christ; He who came to the world to show men God's great love and which only can bring light to those who sit in darkness.

How exasperating it is to feel that Christianity has the answer to what men are seeking but they will not take Him seriously nor try His way. If, instead of standing on the fringe of things, we would get into the thick of the fight for the Kingdom of God, we would find joy in His service.

If we would honestly try the way of Love which Jesus came to bring, our world would seem to be a Better World.

The world today has many philosophies that men follow but none of them can compare with the good news which came to Bethlehem long ago.

May this Christmas be a time of new beginnings: a time when we dedicate ourselves to Him who was born in Bethlehem's manger—The Prince of Peace—the Light of the World.

REV. H. W. INGLE



*Christmas Greetings*

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

**The Wyand Family**




**BEST WISHES**

We hope you will enjoy every minute of every day of this glorious Holiday Season.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all.

## Irma Sales and Service Ltd.

F. A. FUDER



*Greetings*

To our friends and neighbors we offer our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

To you, our patrons—we extend our thanks for your friendliness in the past year.

And for all of us we add the hope for a peaceful and bountiful New Year.

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and a

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## Traditions Are Set Universally

One thing about New Year traditions they are universal, irrespective of calendar variations or the race and creed of the observants. Endeavoring to get the New Year off to a good start, the Chinese pay up their debts on New Year's Eve. And the English claim it's a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on New Year's Day is indicative of what the ensuing year will be like. A round loaf of bread dipped in honey symbolizes Jewish hopes for a smooth (the roundness of the bread) and prosperous (the honey) New Year.

The same spirit of hospitality and sociability that makes the Wassail Bowl such a success in Scotland prompts Armenian housewives of Persia to get up extra early on New Year's Day and set about baking the traditional New Year cakes.

The baking must be done early, for the New Year is the day for visiting and entertaining.

## Viking Items

No doubt the Car A Month Club dance on Friday, December 28 will draw a capacity crowd when the second car, a Meteor, in the second series will go to some member of the Car A Month Club. A fine holiday present if you ask me.

On Sunday, December 23, the Viking Curling rink will be the scene of Legion curlers trying to win the right to represent Zone 2 in the Provincial playoffs and thereafter to represent the province in the Western Canada finals against the Saskatchewan champions.

Zone Commander Selmer Hafso expects 9 rinks in his zone to compete in this preliminary playoff. Branches to be represented are Tofield, Ryley, Holden, Irma, Wainwright, Edgerton, Chauvin, Paradise Valley and Viking. Cecil Runyon skip, Bob Thumell third, Leo Kelly second, Spike Hafso lead, comprise the Viking Legion representative rink.

The first draw will likely start at 10 a.m. Sunday and will probably be knockout elimination.

Zone Commander Hafso expects the curling to be of very high calibre and from all indications all representative rinks are power-houses.

## Locals

Further donations in memory of the late Astrid Hines have been received from: Mrs. I. C. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Knudson; Mr. and Mrs. C. Olsen.

Mrs. Ivan Currie and Mrs. A. R. McRobert have been collecting in the Albert district for the British and Foreign Bible Society. They are very happy to report the fine sum of \$154.65 and would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed. \$55.00 of the above sum was received in memorial donations for the late Mr. J. F. Reeves and Mr. Joseph Fleming.

Mr. Brian Targett who has been attending University in Calgary is planning to spend Christmas with relatives at New Westminster. He will be home at Irma on Dec. 27 to celebrate New Year's with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Charter and daughters of Edmonton are planning to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Charter.

The Junior Grain Club are holding a dance in Klefer's Hall on December 28, music by Larson's orchestra.

Miss Diane Ashe of Viking is here to assist her cousin Mrs. A. C. Knudson during this busy season.

Mr. H. L. Black will join his wife in Winnipeg shortly in order to spend the holiday season with their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ellis.

Fred Clisdell has joined the crew at C. Feero's new lumber camp at Whitecourt.

Old man winter seems to be feeling right down mean the last four days. Let's hope the approaching Christmas season will mellow him up a bit.

Irma folk are really enjoying the benefits of natural gas and this looks like the kind of weather to really test this new convenience.

The Irma stores look very Christmassy these days and our street lights are the gayest yet.

"I was enjoying the Christmas Carol Festival on December 15 at the school. I came out after to find that my 1950 metallic blue custom Meteor (club coupe) license No. 99-709 was damaged on the outside, also tearing my plastic upholstery to ribbons. What happened? My friends and I will have to guess as no one reported the damage. My demand is the anonymous to send me, L. Touchette, \$25.00. Making reparations makes us better citizens."

## WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Canadian Fairbanks Morse Oil model No. 463. Price \$75.00. Phone 32, Irma. 141c

FOR IMMEDIATE SALE—4-piece Chesterfield suite in rose and grey. 4-piece Bedroom suite, box springs and spring-filled mattress included. Vanity has plate glass mirror. Chrome kitchen set. Torchere lamp. Steven's Stove with fittings for gas or for coal and wood. Remington typewriter as new. Small tables and other household articles. — Apply M. McLaughlin, Irma. 21c

STRAYED—from my place this fall, a Hereford cow branded EV with half circle below on right hip and both ears clipped, with her black calf. Reward offered. M. C. Ambler. 21p

## Official Opening of The Marwayne Seed Cleaning Plant Dec. 18 (Vermilion Standard)

The official opening of the new Marwayne Seed Cleaning Plant will take at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

A. S. Longman will officiate at the ceremony with other speakers being A. M. Wilson, Field Crops Commissioner; F. F. Parkinson, Agricultural Engineer; E. H. Buckingham, District Agriculturist. Other visitors will include government officials, members of the municipal council of the agricultural service board and of the press.

**Holiday Greetings And Best Wishes Extended to All Our Readers**

## Season's Greetings

We appreciate the business you have given us during the year which is drawing to a close and we will continue to give service to the best of our ability during the coming year.

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It is our fervent wish that you have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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## WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL DIVISION No. 32

## Notice of Poll

TO BE HELD IN SUBDIVISION No. 2

Take notice that for the purpose of the election of a subdivisional Trustee for subdivision No. 2 of the Wainwright School Division No. 32 the poll will be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of January 1952 from 1:30 o'clock p.m. in the following districts:

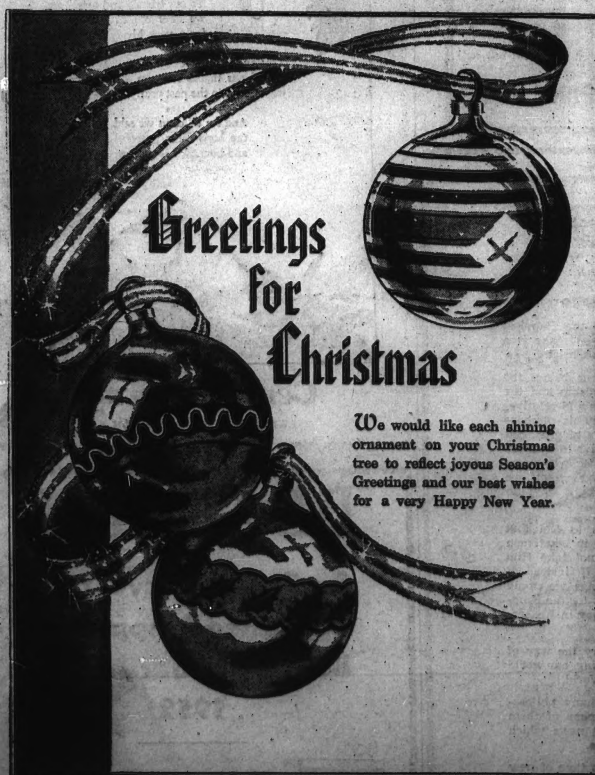
Irma School District No. 2435 — At the Town Hall Sec. Office  
Battle Heights S.D. No. 3090 — Home of Mrs. E. Wakefield  
Coal Springs S.D. No. 2360 — School House  
Melbrae S.D. No. 2777 — School House  
Glenholm S.D. No. 2430 — School House  
Metropolitan S.D. No. 1794 — School House  
Fabyan S.D. No. 4139 — School House  
Crescent Hill S.D. No. 4375 — W. C. Sanders (home)  
Silver Lane S.D. No. 2364 — Home of Mrs. G. Scott  
Strawberry Plains S.D. No. 1709 — School House  
Lewisville S.D. No. 3041 — At Strawberry Plains School  
Sunny Brae S.D. No. 2075 — Home of M. Casparak  
Jarow S.D. No. 2450 — School House

The following persons have been duly nominated:

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Mrs. Marie Knudson	Housewife	Irma
Fred M. Hill	Farmer	Irma

OLIVER G. GRIFFITHS,  
Returning Officer.

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We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

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